

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims, including the amendments indicated below, replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application

Claims 1-3. (Canceled).

4. (Previously Presented) The combination of claim 14, wherein the tool has a thickness and the head is of such size relative to the thickness of the tool that when the head is inserted into the aperture in the tool, the head is of such a height that the head is countersunk in the thickness of the plane tool or the head emerges only partially out of an opposite side of the tool.

5. (Previously Presented) The combination of claim 4, wherein the head comprises at least one projection sized and shaped to exert friction moving towards the outside of the plane tool, in the plan view direction of the tool.

6. (Previously Presented) The combination of claim 14, wherein the head inserted into the aperture in the tool is of such a height relative to the thickness of the tool that the head emerges completely out of one of the sides of the plane tool.

7. (Previously Presented) The combination of claim 14, wherein:
the plane tool has lateral sides and has an edge at one of the lateral sides of the plane tool;
the aperture is located proximate to the edge of the plane tool, and is separated therefrom by a notch
which receives the first boss.

8. (Previously Presented) The combination of claim 4, wherein the trunk of the boss is configured and positioned such that it is inserted without any shift into the aperture.

9. (Previously Presented) The combination of claim 1, wherein the first and second bosses are bored with a horizontal hole.

10. (Previously Presented) The combination of claim 14, wherein the trunk is a right parallelepiped and the head is trapezoidal in shape.

11. (Previously Presented) The combination of claim 14, wherein the first boss is generally a right parallelogram in cross section.

12. (Previously Presented) The combination of claim 14, wherein each of the first and second bosses is generally a right parallelogram in cross section.

13. (Canceled).

14. (Currently Amended) In combination, a plane tool combined with a centering member for the plane tool, wherein:

the plane tool comprises an aperture in one side thereof, the aperture being sized and positioned to receive a boss extending from the centering member; and
means shaped for enabling permanent fastening of the centering member into the aperture without the addition of any mechanical fastening element and without the addition of any material or adhesive element;

the centering member comprises:

a base;

a first boss projecting from the base;

a second boss projecting from the base,

the second boss comprising a trunk, a head connected to the trunk at a joint;

a groove located at the joint between the trunk and the head, the groove being of a size to give the head a mechanical elasticity as compared to the remainder of the boss, whereby the mechanical elasticity of the head makes the head a gripping device on the head for directly connecting with the plane tool;

the second boss is configured and located to be received in the aperture and to be retained therein without the addition of any mechanical fastening element and without the addition of any material or adhesive element; and
the first boss is configured and located so that it is not able to be received in the aperture.

15. (Previously Presented) The combination of claim 14, wherein:
the plane tool is oriented with an upstream end and a downstream end relative to a direction of movement of workpieces thereto; and
the aperture is located proximate to the downstream end and is separated therefrom by a notch which receives the first boss.

16. (Previously Presented) The combination of claim 15, wherein:
the first boss is positioned in the notch.

17. (Previously Presented) The combination of claim 15, wherein:
the first boss includes a downstream end surface; and
the first boss is positioned in the notch, with its downstream end surface disposed flush with a downstream edge of the downstream end of the plane tool.

18. (Previously Presented) The combination of claim 14, wherein:
the plane tool has lateral sides and an edge at one of the lateral sides;
the aperture is located proximate to the edge of the plane tool, and is separated therefrom by a notch in the edge; and
an end surface of the first boss is positioned in the notch, and disposed flush with the edge.

19. (New) A centering member comprising:
a base for placement at a tool;
a first boss projecting from the base ; and
a second boss projecting from the base and spaced apart on the base from the first boss;

the second boss comprising a trunk, a head connected to the trunk at a joint, and a groove located at the joint between the trunk and the head, wherein:
the groove and the head are sized and configured to give the head a mechanical elasticity as compared to the remainder of the boss, whereby the head forms a gripping device on the second boss for directly connecting with the tool without the addition of any mechanical fastening element and without the addition of any material or adhesive element; and
the first and second bosses are generally right parallelograms in cross section.